

MASTA Executive Board Meeting

September 18, 2010; Plymouth-Canton High School

Meeting called to order by Larry Dittmar at 11:07am.
Members Present: Geri Arnold, Lynn Brosnan, Larry Dittmar, Anne Kearney–Looman, Mark Kotchenruther, Valerie Palmieri, Paul Rebeck, David Reed, Dan Scott, Linda Trotter, Diane Winder and guest Michael Hopkins.

Minutes (Trotter/Stuart)

Motion to accept the minutes (Scott) seconded (Kotchenruther) – *motion approved*

Treasurer’s Report (Brosnan)

The MASTA bank was changed from National City to PNC.

President’s Report (Dittmar)

Member-at-Large Report (no report)

Past–President Report (Kotchenruther)

Mark asked the MMC organization how MASTA can be more involved in the selection of the ensembles that participate at the MMC? He received the information that MSBOA is interested in maintaining their identity at the MMC. MMEA only deals with the composition aspect of this conference. MSBOA has offered to have a member of MASTA on the adjudication process. MMC president stated that it would be valuable to have all four groups involved in this process.

President Elect Report (Winder)

Bob Culver was nominated (Kotchenruther) for the MASTA Career Achievement Award, seconded (Arnold) – *motion approved*.

Project Director Reports

Chamber Music Festival (Kearney–Looman)

Board motion to approve project budget (Kearney–Looman), seconded (Scott) – *motion approved*

Michigan Music Conference (Palmieri)

There are 30 sessions with the addition of the Suzuki Education Training and the Conducting Symposium using an orchestra. The presiders for each session are almost complete. Guarneri House is to donate \$2000 to cover the cost of the luncheon /membership meeting at the 2011 Michigan Music Conference.

Membership (Stuart, presented by Trotter)

There are 333 active members (18 dual, 14 life, 190 professional, 57 senior, and 54 student members)

Newsletter (no report)

Northern Michigan Initiative (Peterson, presented by Trotter).

Okemos Suzuki (Rebeck)

This year’s Okemos Suzuki sessions are November 5th and 6th. Motion (Rebeck) to accept the recommended Proposal “A” Budget of 5.3% surplus, seconded (Palmieri) – *motion approved*.

Outreach/National Honors Orchestra (DeRose)

Motion (DeRose) to grant the Great Lake Orchestra Project (requested by Nancy Koski) for a \$500.00 grant. seconded (Scott) – *motion approved*.

Solo Competition (Long, presented by Dittmar)

This years’ Solo Competition will be held on October 23 at MSU.

String Camps (Scott)

Board action was taken on the motion (Scott) to accept the recommended Proposal “A” Budget, seconded (Kearney–Looman) – *motion approved*.

Studio Teaching (no report)

Discussion on trying to put more events in the MMC for studio teachers to gain more involvement.

Troy Suzuki Workshop (no report)

Need to set the date in Spring before. Discussed need to explore a new facility option for the workshop. Rebeck will contact Trainees so that we can help keep this program going.

Website (no report)

Youth Arts Festival (Winder)

Check the website at

www.michiganyoutharts.org/Emporium.html

Affiliate Reports

Blue Lake Suzuki (Kesler, presented by Rebeck)
Discussion on concern of the lack of younger children attending the Suzuki Camp. Discussion of reason for the lack of participants. Is the ending of the public school year a problem?

MSBOA Liaison (D. Reed)

The Mid Level String Clinic deadline is 9/23/10. Thanks to Cathy DePentu for hosting the MSBOA Reading Clinic, and to Luck's Music Library for donating the music for the event.

November 13th Alternative Styles Day-check MSBOA website.

A proposed teacher orchestra at the MMC will be postponed until the 2012. MMC-MSBOA string representative meeting before the conference.

Suzuki Liaison (Arnold)

September 18–November 5, Mark Mutter will be introducing and teaching the new Book 4 for violin. October 22-23, the new Suzuki SPA course is being taught in Okemos. SPA (Suzuki Principals in Actions) is the new course by the Suzuki course offered by SSA. The course focuses on how to teach, not what to teach. Register through SSA. October 5 is the beginning of the teacher study group with John Kendall "Tuesdays with John". This group will meet at the Northside Community Church in Ann Arbor from 11:00AM until 12:30 PM. Contact wendyazrak@hotmail.com for more information.

January 20, EEC the Every Child Can course will be offered at the MMC at the Amway grand, taught by Geri Arnold. Contact

L.Shabowski@MichiganMusicConference.org

The Revised Books 1 – 5 are now available.

Old Business

Board action was taken on motion (Brosnan) to amend the by-laws for the office of MASTA treasurer to the following: The Outgoing Treasurer will remain in official capacity until September 30th of the calendar year with advisory position continuing until December 31st of the calendar year. The newly-elected Treasurer will officially take

office on July 1st of the calendar year. Motion seconded (Scott) – *motion approved*.

Board action was taken on the motion (Trotter) that all programs that have financial responsibilities must submit a report at the end of each fiscal quarter (with the exception of the String Camps which will present its summer report as soon as possible after the String Camps are concluded). [The end of the fiscal quarter is the last day of the month of March, June, September and December].

Motion seconded (Palmieri) – *motion approved*.

Board action was taken on the motion (Scott) that would give President Larry Dittmar and Diane Winder the authority to recommend a more equal division on the MMC Planning Committee.

Motion seconded (Rebeck) – *motion approved*.

Arnold stated that she wished to help college students to become more involved in the Suzuki teaching programs.

New Business

David Rosin sent his letter of resignation on the MASTA - MMC planning committee, which was accepted by President Dittmar. Therefore, Valerie Palmieri is requesting the help of 1 or 2 more people to assist her on MASTA's MMC planning committee. The new person that comes on should have defined tasks.

Motion to Adjourn (Scott), seconded (D. Reed), at 2:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda D. Williams Trotter